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**Letter from Louis German, Who Served as Bodyguard at
Funeral of Abraham Lincoln.**

GARDNER, ILLINOIS, July 19, 1916.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Secretary Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, Illinois.

MRS. WEBER: Replying to yours of the 17th, will say, I had the honor, while it was the saddest hour of my life, to be detailed to act as bodyguard over the remains of the body of President Lincoln, and then with two platoons of my company to march at reverse arms to Oak Ridge on the hottest day the people of Springfield said they had ever witnessed. Lieutenant Colonel Reid, of my regiment, was the other officer detailed. He stood at the head of the casket at the right and I stood at the left. Lieutenant Colonel Reid and his wife (residents of Waukegan, Illinois) lost their lives in the Iroquois Theater fire years ago. Captain Julius Loveday of my company was provost marshal of the city on that day. My recollection is that General Joe Hooker, known as "Fighting Joe" Hooker, was in command. Governor Yates and his brilliant staff were in the procession. Bishop Simpson of the Methodist Church of New York delivered the last sad words at the mound where the remains were laid at rest.

Yours very truly,

LOUIS GERMAIN,

First Lieutenant, Company D, One Hundred and Forty-sixth
Regiment, Illinois Volunteers.